

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
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Minutes of the April 10, 2006 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2006 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members L. Caprioglio, S. Hoag, P. Payton, D. Stillinger, L. Tavtigian, K. Abbott, and N. Hagner. Also attending was Tom Browne, Chatham Township Planning Board Member, and Mary Olmstead, Tree Protection Committee member.

CTEC's Purpose (NJ40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement – The meeting schedule for 2005-2006 was published in the Chatham Courier and Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

March minutes were approved with the addition of the Planning Board report.

Upcoming Events

- Thurs., April 20, 2006, 9 AM-5 PM, at the Rutgers EcoComplex, Columbus, NJ. "Integrated Monitoring to Enhance Water Resource Management" presented by the NJ Water Monitoring Coordinating Council. Info at www.state.nj.us/dep/wmm/wmcchome.html.
- Fri., April 21, 2006, 8:15am - 1:45pm. Raritan Valley Community College, the Somerset County Business Partnership and NJ Sierra Club are sponsoring "Environment and Economy, Perfect Together", a conference at the RVCC Conference Center in North Branch. Speakers include nationally-known planner Anton Nelessen and NJ BPU President Jeanne Fox. Details at www.raritanval.edu/activityevent/eeconf06.html, or call Dan Aronson at 908-526-1200 x 8238.
- SAT., APRIL 22, 9:30-12:30, CTEC'S FOURTH ANNUAL CLEANUP.
- Tues., April 25, 8 AM Madison Municipal Building. SEAMLESS. Deena Cybulski will speak about Morris County's Transportation Circulation Element to its Master Plan.
- Thurs. April 27, 8:30-3:30, Atlantic City Convention Center, SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) NJ Spring Conference on sustainability. www.swanachapters.org/newjersey.
- Thurs., April 27, 2006, 7:30 PM, Mendham Twp. Municipal Building, Brookside. "Water Supply in the Ten Towns." Speakers: Gary Matthews, Environmental Manager for NJ American Water Company, Ellen Cronan, Geologist in the NJ Geological Survey.
- SAT. APRIL 29, 2006, 9-NOON, DPW ON SOUTHERN BLVD. BEHIND POLICE STATION. ELECTRONICS RECYCLING. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STAFF EVENT FOR 2 HOUR SHIFTS.
- Sun., April 30, 2006, 3-5 PM, Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church House Parlor. Solar Collectors and Other Renewable Resources. Speaker: Lyle Rawlings, P.E. Come with any questions you may have about the feasibility of using solar or other renewable energy sources for heat and electricity in your church. Mr. Rawlings is a highly respected professional in the solar industry and was recently interviewed on the NJ News Network. Info at (908) 755-3776.
- SAT. MAY 6, 2006, 9-NOON, DPW ON SOUTHERN BLVD. BEHIND POLICE STATION. ELECTRONICS RECYCLING. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STAFF EVENT FOR 2 HOUR SHIFTS.

Discussion

Chatham library's downstairs meeting room is available for all of May for CTEC to post notices and displays.

Discussion of wording of pesticide-free signs in playgrounds. No decision on any changes.

ANJEC and NJDEP will be asked for information about procedures for environmental commissions to comment to DEP on LOIs.

Application Review

LOI, Goldberg. Application discussed, no EC action required. Closed.

Further discussion on LOI comment letters for Zuretti & Schott. Continued for more discussion.

New LOI, Reckson. Reckson will be contacted and site walk will be scheduled. Open.

Revised subdivision application, Walsh. Consensus was that paper road should not be improved any more than necessary for driveway access. Suggestion was made that paper road should not be vacated but be retained by the Township as open space. L. Caprioglio, Planning Board liaison, will carry these remarks to Planning Board so no EC letter needs to be sent. Closed.

Revised application, Brill/The Farm at Green Village, proposal to replace an existing greenhouse. Wetlands. Stormwater. Discussion will be continued. Open.

Conditional use, Omnipoint Communications, Inc., 401-405 Southern Blvd. Request for conditional use and preliminary and final site plan approval to collocate a wireless facility on an existing tower and construct a new 4 ft. by 20 ft. concrete slab. Waivers requested for EIS, photos, topography within 200 ft., 5 ft. contours. Continued for more discussion.

Minor site plan approval, Cingular Wireless, Sunset Dr. & Fairmount Ave. Request to install new equipment on an existing PSE&G tower. Continued for more discussion.

Reports

Open Space Committee report: Discussion of ANJEC grant application for Greenway planning. OSC is reviewing certain properties under consideration for purchase for the amount of upland available. S. Hoag.

Chatham Township Committee report: OSC matching funds for ANJEC grant were approved. Stormwater ordinance will be discussed at the next Township Committee meeting. N. Hagner.

Planning Board Report: Planning Board is concerned about teardowns, discussed alternative approaches for regulation. Method used in Beverly Hills was presented, changes suggested for Chatham Township. L. Caprioglio.

Organic Lawns and Landscapes project: K. Abbott and L. Chambers (Planning Board) gave a presentation to the Bernards Township Committee tonight.

Other

Resolution was passed to approve letter of EC support for OSC grant application to ANJEC for Greenway planning.

Discussion of P. Payton's letter to Chatham Courier outlining concerns and action steps regarding teardowns. EC was generally in agreement with the points made in the letter. Building out to the maximum allowable footprint is a concern because of increased impervious cover.

Mail

(on top of filing cabinet in meeting room)

- US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, Feb. 13, 2006.
- BMP for discharges from residential swimming pools into storm sewers, prepared by the Ten Towns Committee. Such stormwater discharge requires a permit.
- Minutes of Long Hill Twp. EC for 2-15-06.
- Minutes of Chatham Borough EC for 2-15-06.
- Copy from Banisch Associates of Open Space Committee's March 2006 application for an ANJEC planning grant for Township greenway/bikeway.
- Various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.
- Summit EC recently completed an NRI. Copy received by CTEC & also online at www.ci.summit.nj.us.

CTEC meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Minutes prepared by Dot Stillinger, CTEC chair.